GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3476
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ACQUISTION OF WEAPONS BY LASHKAR-E-TOIBA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lashkar-e-Toiba has acquired Chinese lethal weapons i.e. anti-aircraft guns to solar energy fired rocket systems and they are planning for an all out battle with the security forces in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check their activities ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): No confirmed inputs about acquisition by LeT, of Chinese lethal weapons i.e. Anti Air Craft Guns to solar energy fired rocket system has so far been received. However the terrorists possess various weapons, which are used in attacks on security forces.

(c): The changing security situation in the State and available intelligence inputs are periodically reviewed at the Unified Headquarters set up by the State Government in J&K and at various other levels to ensure that appropriate security force deployments and tactics are adopted to meet the ground level requirements of fighting the terrorists.